



## Provider Communication

<b>Subject:</b> Home Health Services	<b>Priority:</b> <b>High</b>
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***Dear Home Health Program Providers,***

Effective October 1, 2005 the Georgia Department of Community Health, Division of Medical Assistance will close the following HIPAA compliant codes for Category of Service 200, Home Health Services:

- G0154 – Skilled Nursing Services in the home per 15 minutes
- G0156 – Home Health Aide Services in the home per 15 minutes
- G0153 – Services of a speech therapist and language pathologist in home health setting, each 15 minutes

The end date for these codes is September 30, 2005. All claims submitted after this date must bill for skilled nursing services using one of the following HIPAA compliant codes:

- S9123 – Nursing Services in home by registered nurse, per hour
- S9124 – Nursing Services in home by a licensed practical nurse, per hour

All claims submitted after September 30, 2005 must bill for home health aide services using the following HIPAA compliant code:

- S9122 – Home Health Aide or certified nursing assistant, providing care in the home, per hour.

Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy treatment will continue to be billed using the 15 minute “G” codes for this category.\* These codes are as follows:

- G0151 – Services of a physical therapist in home health setting, each 15 minutes
- G0152 – Services of occupational therapist in home health setting, each 15 minutes

\* Please continue to use the following CPT codes when billing therapy evaluations or re-evaluations:

- 97001 – Physical Therapy evaluation
- 97002 – Physical Therapy re-evaluation
- 92506 – Speech Therapy evaluation
- 97003 – Occupational Therapy evaluation
- 97004 – Occupational Therapy re-evaluation

Each of these CPT codes may be billed up to a maximum of 6 units per day.

Home Health Services National Code Table					
Old Code	Description	National Code	Description	Modifier	Rate
<del>¥0701</del>	Skilled Nursing	S9123	Nursing Care in home by registered nurse, per hour. (Use for general nursing care only, not to be used when CPT codes 99500-99600 or S codes S9802-S9803 can be used)		Provider Specific
		S9124	Nursing care in home by a licensed practical nurse, per hour		
<del>¥0702</del>	Physical Therapy	97001	Services of physical therapist in home health setting, each 15 min.		Provider Specific
		97002	Physical therapy re-evaluation		
		G0151	Services of physical therapist in home setting, each 15 min.		
<del>¥0703</del>	Speech Therapy	92506	Evaluation of speech, language, voice, communication auditory processing and/or aural rehabilitation status		Provider Specific
		92507	Treatment of speech, language, voice, communication and/or auditory processing disorder (includes aural rehabilitation); individual		
<del>¥0704</del>	Home Health Aide	S9122	Home health aide or certified nursing assistant, providing care in the home. Per hour		
<del>¥0706</del>	Occupational Therapy	97003	Occupational therapy evaluation		Provider Specific
		97004	Occupational therapy re-evaluation		

\*A home health visit is equal to an hour. The home health visit limitation is 6/day. Four units of the “G” code = 1 visit.